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1. Planned shipments for the month of May 1953 (quantities are given in tons):

Coal	310,000
Ore	30,500
Metal	37,000
Scrap	11,000
Chemicals	2,500
Fertilizer	52,000
Fuel	12,000
Building materials	332,000
Cement	37,000
Wood	50,000
Potatoes	500
Grain	85,000
Sugar	12,500
Salt	15,400
Special foods	74,000
Forage	9,000
Paper and special raw materials	6,000
Piece goods	2,500
Special goods	82,050

2. Loadings of building materials at Zehdenick have been temporarily halted. According to official reports, the reason is a shortage of labor, but it is much more likely that there has been a strike. Both the private brick factories at Zehdenick have stopped work for unknown reasons.

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3. The General Shipping Administration will be known beginning 1 May 1953 as the State Secretariat for Shipping. The secretary will be Ernst Friedrich Wollweber; deputy secretaries will be Salamon and the former director of inland waterways, Hess. Head of Section II will be the former general director, Keul. The former section head, Schulze, has been dismissed.
4. Hess, the new deputy secretary, was a former worker in the inland waterways administration at Dresden. At the meeting of the General Shipping Administration in 1947, he made a brilliant political speech which attracted the attention of Wollweber, who has promoted him rapidly ever since. He spent one year in a party school.

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